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Group Art Unit: 3635

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Enclosed is a FIRST Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying form PTO-1449 for the above-identified patent application.

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- ☐ The fee of \$180.00 (1806) as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is also enclosed.
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed. However, copies of the listed U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed since it is no longer required according to the July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirement for copies of cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications in national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and international applications entering the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 after June 30, 2003.

The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. Since these documents are being filed within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee or statement is required.

In addition to the published copending applications listed in the accompanying Form PTO-1449, the Examiner's attention is also directed to copending application numbers 09/714,514 naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on November 17, 2000, 10/730,131 naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on December 9, 2003, 10/768,677 naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on February 2, 2004, and 10/808,455 naming Darko Pervan as

inventor and filed on March 25, 2004, and the documents cited therein. A copy of each of the applications is enclosed.

 In accordance with MPEP § 609 III C(2) (August 2001, page 600-131), the Office is requested to return a copy of this Information Disclosure Statement with the Examiner's initials adjacent to this paragraph indicating that this copending application has been considered. By citation to the copending application, confidentiality is not waived and the Office is requested to maintain the confidentiality of the copending application under 35 U.S.C. § 122.

The documents being submitted all relate to joined panels and/or joined flooring. Applicant asserts that the relevance of each document can be ascertained at least from the drawing figures.

In addition, the following statements of relevance are provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(3)(i):

DE19651149 relates to the use of a sealing agent to obtain a better seal between adjacent panels;

DE2252643 relates to the use of spring clips 5 to keep adjacent panels together;
DE3214207 relates to a method of producing panels with a tongue and groove joint system;

DE4002547 relates to thermally insulating panels which are mounted with their edges in an overlapping position, the overlapping portions being undulated.

In regards to the non-English language documents being submitted and not discussed above, Applicant respectfully asserts that the relevance of each document can be ascertained from the drawing figures accompanying each document.

In addition, Applicant submits herewith a copy of each of the International Search Report and the Search Report from the Swedish Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application. Some of the information cited therein is not in the English language. However, in accordance with MPEP § 609 III A(3), an English language version of the search report or action which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is being submitted herewith.

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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

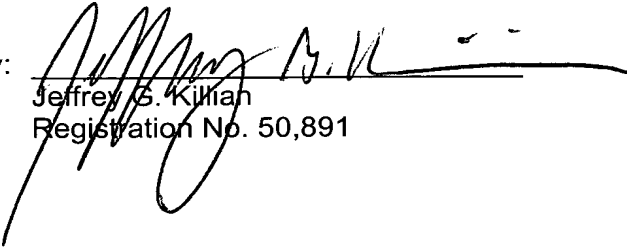
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